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ABSTRAK

Pembangunan pesat dan pengurusan banjir yang tidak cekap adalah faktor utama kejadian banjir. Anggaran kerosakan banjir yang tepat diperlukan untuk memastikan pengurusan risiko banjir yang mampat. Banyak kajian tentang bahaya banjir telah dilakukan di kawasan yang rawan di Malaysia, namun, kajian tentang kerentanan akibat banjir adalah terhad terutama pada penilaian kerosakan. Oleh yang demikian, matlamat kajian ini adalah untuk menilai kerosakan banjir dan membangunkan lengkungan kerosakan kedalaman banjir untuk membantu penilaian risiko banjir di Kuantan, Pahang. Kajian ini memberi tumpuan kepada kawasan kediaman di Kuantan. Tinjauan temuduga telah dijalankan untuk mengumpul data kerosakan dan maklumat berkaitan mengenai banjir 2013 di Kuantan. Purata kerosakan isi rumah adalah RM 8,200 manakala purata kerosakan struktur adalah RM 2,200. Kerosakan struktur bagi rumah satu tingkat adalah sekitar RM 2,183 manakala purata kerosakan isi rumah adalah sekitar RM 8,062. Analisis regresi menunjukkan bahawa kerosakan kandungan dipengaruhi oleh jenis pekerjaan, dan bilangan tingkat bangunan manakala kerosakan struktur dipengaruhi oleh jenis bahan binaan dan jenis pekerjaan. Dengan R^2 0.92 untuk, keluk kerosakan kedalaman banjir yang diperolehi bagi kerosakan isi rumah adalah baik tetapi lengkung untuk kerosakan struktur adalah kurang memuaskan ($R^2 = 0.53$) disebabkan oleh pengumpulan data yang kurang baik. Keputusan yang diperolehi daripada kajian ini boleh digunakan untuk membantu perancangan pengurusan risiko banjir masa depan di kawasan kajian.

ABSTRACT

Rapid development and inefficient flood management is the main factor for the occurring of flood event. A precise estimation of flood damage is needed to ensure a compressive management of flood risk. Many studies on flood hazard had been done in prone area in Malaysia, however, the study on flood vulnerability is limited especially on damage assessment. Hence, the aim of this study is to assess the flood damage and to develop a flood depth-damage curve to assist in the assessment of flood risk in Kuantan, Pahang. This study is focusing on residential area in Kuantan. An interview survey was conducted to collect damage data and related information regarding the 2013 Kuantan flood. The average content damage is RM 8,200 while the average structural damage is RM 2,200. The average structural damage for single-storey house is around RM 2,183 while the average content damage is around RM 8,062. The regression analysis shows that the content damage is influenced by type of occupation, and number of storeys while the structural damage is influenced by the type of building material and type of occupation. With R^2 of 0.92 for content damage, the flood depth-damage curve obtained for is good enough but the curve for structural damage is poor ($R^2=0.53$) due to the poor quality of data collection. The results obtained from this study can be used to assist in the future flood risk management planning at the study area.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

R^2	Coefficient of determination
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

RM	Ringgit Malaysia
USD	United State Dollar
DID	Malaysian Drainage and Irrigation Department
HEC-RAS	Hydrologic Engineering Center- River Analysis System
ArcGIS	Geographic Information System
HEC-FDA	Hydrologic Engineering Center- The Flood Damage Reduction Analysis
HAZUS-MH	Hazus-Multi Hazard
FLEMO	Flood Loss Estimation Model
STATA	Statistical software (Statistic and Data)

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of study

Floods are natural disasters that often hit our country especially in the East Coast states of Peninsular Malaysia which is Kelantan, Terengganu, and Pahang. Normally these states will experience the monsoon season at the end of each year. The heavy rain that occurred during the season caused floods in the area (Zaidi et al., 2014).

Floods occur as a result of drainage systems and sewers that are not able to accommodate the volume of excessive rainwater and take a long time to stop. Floods often hit low areas such as near the river. Lots of property destroyed as well as livestock and plants. Those involved like farmers will suffer a big loss. Floods can also be life-threatening. Many are drowning because of playing with the flood waters that flow. It's become more dangerous to people that do not know how to swim. A safety parameter has been taken to mitigate the damage caused by the flood in the future such as deepen the river since most of the floods occurred due to the ripening of the river.

The floods occurred mainly in the city due to the disposal of waste and industrial waste into rivers and ditches. To address this problem, awareness of the community should be disclosed so that these negative activities do not continue to be done such as having a river-loving campaign and so on. An effective flood mitigation measures has to be taken to overcome this flood problem. Structural flood control such as levees and dam had been implemented to mitigate flood. Nowadays, the implementation of non-structural options such as flood modelling, early warning system and flood risk management has been given more attention worldwide to reduce the impact of flooding (Du, 2011).

Flood risk assessment consists of two main elements which are flood hazard and flood vulnerability. Flood hazard is normally illustrated in flood inundation or flood

extend maps, while flood vulnerability emphasizes the impact of flooding in flood damage map. In Malaysia, the study on flood vulnerability assessment is still limited especially on flood damage estimation. There are many methodologies for estimating the flood damage worldwide, however, there is no common methodology that is applied to estimate flood damage in Malaysia. Estimation of economic loss is essential to help the development of new housing away from the future flood disaster and reduce the damage loss. Therefore, with the aim to assist in the assessment of flood vulnerability, the purpose of this study is to assess the flood damage and to develop a residential flood depth-damage curve for Kuantan, Pahang. A relationship between flood damages and the local condition of the study area is obtained for future flood risk management planning.

1.2 Problem Statement

The east coast of Malaysia usually experiences a flood during the monsoon season. Kuantan is one of the cities that were affected since it is located at the east coast part of Malaysia. The unpredicted massive flood, recently in 2013 occurred due to prolonged heavy rainfall and land-use change brought serious risk to society, especially to low lying areas at Kuantan and Kemaman. Kuantan was severely distressed. Around 14,044 people were evacuated and major damages occurred in terms of electricity, road's structure, buildings, and belongings thus government suffered from the significant financial cost for repairing flood damages (Jamaludin et al., 2013).

Kuantan covers a large area of residential properties and have many different races and culture. There were many phases in Kuantan residential development thus Kuantan has different type of residential from village house, terrace house, and bungalow house that is construct with different materials such as wood or brick. When the flood event occurs in 2013, several residential in Kuantan has been hit by flood and the damage to each house may different according to house's construction material.

Many flood hazard assessments had been done in Kuantan area to mitigate the risk of flooding. However, none flood vulnerability assessment is available. The main challenge in conducting the flood damage assessment is the insufficient of damage data. In many cases, floods occurred many years ago before the data is collected. This caused the data collected from the respondents to be quite inaccurate as some of the respondents were unable to recall exactly the flood durations and flood depth levels during the flood.

Hence, this study aims to assess the residential flood damages of 2013 Kuantan flood by collecting the flood information using face to face interview technique. The factors that effected the level of flood damage are investigated and at the end, a residential flood depth damage curve is established.

1.3 Objective

The objectives of this study are:

1. To assess the residential flood damages of 2013 Kuantan flood
2. To study the relationship between flood damages and socio-economic/property characteristics of the study area
3. To establish a residential flood depth-damage curve for Kuantan

1.4 Limitation of study

This study is focusing on Kuantan River Basin. Kuantan district is in East Coast of Malaysia usually experience rain frequently at the end of the year. The Kuantan River Basin is an important watershed that crosses the state city of Pahang in Kuantan. It usually receives massive precipitation starting from November to March during the north-eastern monsoon season (Zaidi et al., 2014).

The estimation of flood damage was done by analysing the historical flood that occurred in Kuantan, limited for residential only. The study focusing on the estimation of direct tangible damage including the damage on building, furniture, plant and transportation. The damage is presented as economic losses such as the cost to repair or reconstruct the building, furniture and transportation. Also, the cost of the furniture that had been damaged.

1.5 Significant of study

The assessment of flood damage obtained from the field survey illustrated the damage experienced by the residents of Kuantan during the 2013 flood. The information is useful for further flood risk study in the study area. The factors that influenced the level of damage at the study area has been identified and will be given more priority in the future works. The main output of this study i.e. the flood depth damage curve presenting the association of flood damage and flood parameters of the study area. This curve is the

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